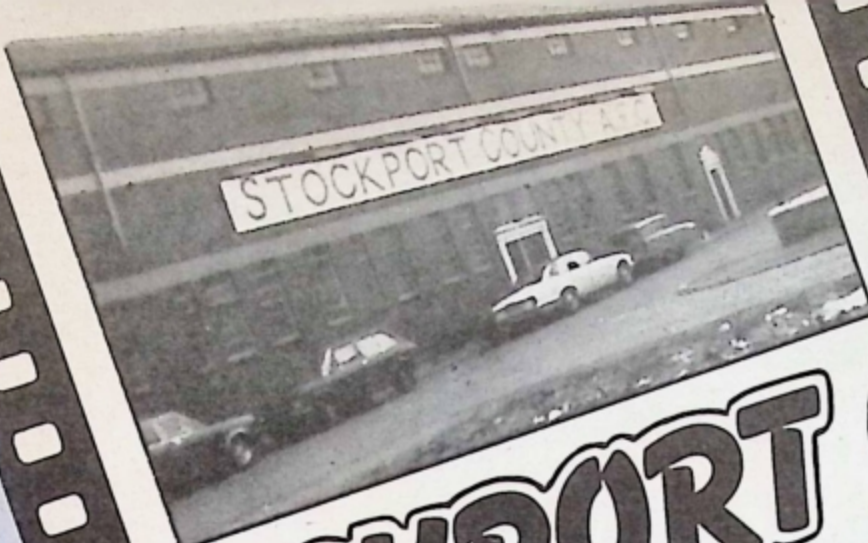




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●CENTRE COVER shows Matchday Magazine Editor Howard Jones presenting striker Les Bradd with a bound volume of County's home programmes from last season, watched by Chairman Freddie Pye and Manager Mike Summerbee. The award was a result of Les's consistent form throughout the season.

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MIKE SUMMERBEE'S

TEAM TALK

GOOD afternoon everyone, welcome back to Edgeley Park for the start of a new season, one which I hope will prove fruitful to us, during the coming months. As you can see the playing surface is looking in terrific condition and for that all the credit must go to Eric Webster, who has nursed and attended it as if it were his own back lawn. It's hard to understand why the bigger clubs employ so many staff to attend theirs, when Eric has done such a fine job of things on his own.

A new campaign always brings with it many changes and of course everyone hopes that they are going to be for the better and yet not all one's hopes materialise, some of course are bound to fail. You can only do your best and I honestly believe that even though we haven't set the League on fire during the past few seasons, we have now achieved something which we have been striving for, and that's self respect. Certainly the foundations have been laid for better times and everyone from the Tea Lady to the Chairman has been doing their level best, towards making Stockport County a name to be respected.

Like yourselves, I am proud to be a part of this club and that is why when I sat down during the close season and thought of a new playing strip to wear, my mind turned to the World Champions, Argentina, and their sky blue and white stripes. What a great thing it is for Stockport County to be associated with such a superb strip and indeed we are indebted to Adidas for their superb generosity in supplying such magnificent attire, they have certainly done us proud. Not only do I know the players are looking forward to playing in it, but I'm sure you, the fans, will be most impressed by it, when we take the field today. Believe me we will look the smartest dressed team in the Football League this season and I firmly believe that if your players feel good then it can only have one effect... and, that being reflected in good results on the park.

Which brings me to our two pre-season Cheshire Premier Cup performances. Of course I fully realise that they were very disappointing and yet I must add that at this stage of the season I am not too concerned. Perhaps if we had lost a couple of League games then I would have been, but really it's very difficult for players to motivate themselves for these practice matches. Hopefully, I won't need to remind them of the importance of this afternoon's fixture, after all the League Cup is such a superb money spinner and a good run

in any Cup competition must be good for the side. Remember last year when we beat Shrewsbury Town? Well who then could have foreseen what a terrific draw we would get when 48 hours later we drew First Division Manchester United. With this season's second round ties decided over two legs, it's an added incentive to get past the first round and perhaps draw another big named club.

Before then however, we must eliminate a Wigan Athletic side, who although having a poor pre-season tour of Scotland, should be full of confidence after such a successful first season in the League. I really thought that Manager Ian McNeill should have been voted the Fourth Division's Manager of the Season, especially after so nearly guiding the club to promotion. To finish only six points adrift after such a poor start to their opening five games was a terrific achievement, and when you consider that of those 5 games, 3 of them were against eventual promotion sides, Reading, Grimsby and Wimbledon, it says much for the man that he motivated a non-League side into nearly a Third Division club in little under twelve months.

So then, to today's game and it looks as though we are set for a real cracker. No predictions from me, except to say that we will be striving hard to take with us to Springfield Park on Wednesday, the sort of result which will allow us to progress into that 2nd Round draw.

WIGAN ATHLETIC v STOCKPORT COUNTY

Wednesday 15th August Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

We have received from Wigan a limited number of Stand Seat tickets, at £1.70 and these will go on open sale to County Supporters only after this afternoon's match.

EDGELEY SCENE

with
**HOWARD
JONES**



DURING the Football's League's June meeting it was decided that Referee's match fees should be increased from £25 to £35 and Linesmen's from £12.50 to £17.50, a staggering increase of 40%. Some pay rise!

Can anyone possibly help County fanatic Steve McArdle in completing his set of County away programmes for the 77-8 season. He is looking for the visits to Brentford and Rochdale and is willing to pay 50p for each one. Anyone who can help, would they write to Steve at 36 Ravenoak Road, Woodsmoor, Stockport, Cheshire SK2 7BQ.

Sadly neighbours Altrincham failed in their recent bid to gain League status. A disappointment really, especially for our Chairman Freddie Pye, who during the Sixties managed the Robins to consecutive Cheshire League Championships and many memorable F.A. Cup wins. All four existing League clubs were unanimously voted back in, with Doncaster polling 50 votes, Crewe 49, Darlington 43, Halifax 37, Altrincham 13 and Kettering 12. Next season only the winners of

the new League Alliance will be able to contest League status, giving the non-Leaguers a far better chance of admittance.

Two of the Capital's leading clubs Fulham and Orient unsuccessfully made a bid to bring back Sunday football, which was, you may remember, such a success in 1974. The voting was 50-21 in favour of NO Sunday soccer, due mainly to the first and second Division clubs rejection. Why they threw out this lifeline for the League's smaller clubs puzzles me, after all how could it have affected their own gates? So no Sunday Soccer then. NOT yet that is! But surely it's got to come.

I received a letter recently from 20 year old Jiri Vesata, of Sidliste 9.5.3. 2166 272 01 Kladno 2, Czechoslovakia. He is very keen to hear from any County supporters who would like to exchange programmes, badges and pennants. I hope as many of you as possible will write to Jiri and spread the name of Stockport County around the globe.

Due to ever increasing costs it has been necessary to raise the price of your Matchday Magazine by 5p to 20p for the coming season. As most of the 4th Division clubs are already 20p, I'm sure most supporters will understand our position. However we do feel that the standard of your magazine is rising steadily and that you will agree it's well worth the extra.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CLUB AND BUY YOUR COPY AT TODAY'S GAME.



Les Chapman

COUNTY ST★R PROFILE



Les Chapman

Thirty year old Les was born in Oldham and in 1964 at the age of 15, played a season for Chadderton Boys. At 17 he left school, Chadderton Grammar, and served for ten months as a trainee accountant, before signing professional forms for Oldham Athletic during the summer of '66.

In 1969 he joined Huddersfield Town for £25,000 and David Shaw. In his first season at Leeds Road he made 9 appearances, as the side won the Second Division Championship by 7 clear points, whilst under the guidance of now Bolton manager Ian Greaves. Sadly for Les, only 13 medals were minted and Les was one of the unlucky ones who didn't get one.

He re-joined Oldham during the 74/5 season and in the 1978 close season spent the summer months, playing for San Jose 'Earthquakes' in the North American Soccer League, an experience he thoroughly enjoyed.

Still single, Les lives in Royton with his parents and devotes most of his spare time listening to music and going to concerts. His favourite artists being, American rock group Tubes and new wave band B52's.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB News *with DAVID BURFOOT*

FIRSTLY may I welcome you all back for a new season, one in which we hope will see County promoted to the Third Division come next May.

My personal aim is to see the Supporters Association membership reach at least 1,500 which is of course not even 50% of our average home gate for last season. Remember, that the bigger the Association, the more activities we can provide for the membership. So please join the Supporters Club now, by sending the correct monies together with a S.A.E. to the Membership Secretary, 70 Windermere Road, Heaviley, Stockport, or 'join' at the NEW CLUB SHOP which is on the ground. Membership prices remain as they were last season, Seniors 40p and Juniors 20p.

Coach bookings for the forthcoming away matches at Wigan (Aug.15), Walsall (Aug.18) and Tranmere (Aug.31) can be made by members only at the NEW CLUB SHOP or by getting in touch with any committee club member.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about the Supporters Club, please drop me a line at 2 Albion Road, New Mills, Stockport. Finally, may I just thank the members who helped to put the new shop in position, which will now be dealing with travel tickets, memberships, programmes and a few selected souvenirs, commencing with this afternoon's game with Wigan.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ?

Test your soccer knowledge with these posers, compiled by Robert Pollard

- 1 Wigan Athletic are not the first team from Wigan to play in the Football League. Who were the first and when did they leave the League?
- 2 Name the 4 League clubs David Herd played for.
- 3 Which player holds the record for the fastest 200 League goals in the Football League?
- 4 Which teams took part in the first Sunday Football League game and when was it?
- 5 Whose record of England caps did Billy Wright break on his way to 105 appearances?

1. Wigan Borough, 26 October 1931 2. Stockport County, Arsenal, Manchester United and Stoke City 3. Brian Clough in 219 games 4. Millwall v Fulham on the morning of the 20th January 1974 5. Bob Crompton, Blackburn Rovers, 42 caps.

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IAN McNEILL

into the Football League last August and has since had the sort of success every manager is looking for.

'Latics' returned recently from a 3 match tour of Scotland's east coast, a tour which brought with it a few unforeseen headaches for Manager Ian McNeill, because two defeats and a draw was all they got for their troubles, going down 3-0 at Arbroath, 2-0 at East Fife and drawing 1-1 at Montrose. So just like County the pre-season build-up games have proved troublesome, although to be fair they did register a 2-0 win over Irish League side Cliftonville at Springfield Park a fortnight ago, to suggest all is not wrong in the Wigan camp.

Last season Wigan's gates totalled 154,125 for their 23 home League games, for an average attendance of 6,701, which was 3,010 per game up on Wimbledon who, you remember, gained promotion. Certainly the Wigan public have backed Ian McNeill and his boys magnificently and the team nearly repaid their loyalty with promotion at the very first attempt.

Undoubtedly Wigan's success last season has set a standard which their supporters will want repeating, only this time with Promotion very much the operative word. With such an astute Manager as Ian McNeill at the helm and a more than able Chairman in Arthur Horrocks, anything is possible.

Wigan's Manager Ian McNeill began his playing career with Aberdeen before furthering his experience with Leicester City, Brighton & Hove Albion, and Southend United. He is currently in his second spell as boss at Springfield Park having spent five years with Scottish Highland League side Ross County and Southern League Salisbury before re-joining Wigan 3 seasons ago. Took the side

BOB WARD (Goalkeeper) Born West Bromwich. 6'1", 12st. Signed from Blackpool during the close season on a free transfer, after starting his career with West Brom for whom he made 9 appearances in six years. Joined Blackpool for £20,000 from the Hawthorns, he made 28 appearances whilst at Bloomfield Road. Once with Northampton Town on loan.

KEVIN SMART (Defender) Born High Heaton. 5'8", 10st.6lbs. Scored once last season, against ourselves at Springfield Park. Kevin made close on 40 appearances for 'Latics' last term. Previously with Plymouth Argyle for whom he played on 32 occasions, joining Wigan in the close season of 1978.

NOEL WARD (Defender) Born Straban. 6'2", 13st. Almost ever-present last season, scoring 4 League goals. Club Captain who signed from Scottish First Division Aberdeen over four years ago. Began his playing career with Portadown in the Irish League. Watched by a number of First Division clubs last term.

DAVID FRETWELL (Defender) Born Normanton. 5'9", 10st.9lbs. Made his debut for Wigan in early October '78 after signing from Bradford City on a free transfer. Whilst at Valley Parade made well over 250 appearances in the Yorkshire club's first team. Had a very good game at Edgeley Park last season when Athletic won 1-0.

JOE HINNIGAN (Defender) Born Liverpool. 6', 11st. Scored 5 goals last term, one of which took the points away from Edgeley last term. A talented back who was acquired for a four figure fee 5 years ago from South Liverpool. Missed only 2 games last season and has the distinction of having scored Wigan's first ever League goal.

TOMMY GORE (Midfield) Born Liverpool. 5'8", 11st. Voted Player of the Year for the past two seasons, he was ever-present last term, scoring twice. Forceful, talented player who started with Liverpool before moving to Tranmere where he never made the first team, being released in 1974.



JOHN BROWN
ex-County keeper



JOE HINNIGAN
scored last season's
Edgeley winner



PETER HOUGHTON
78-9 top goal scorer



MICKY MOORE
taught back for
£2,000

Wigan Athletic

Photo courtesy Wigan Observer



Back row: Ward, Purdie, Brownbill, Brown, Ward, Smart, Quinn, McDermott.
Centre row: Colquhoun (Physio), Hinnigan, Wright, Urquhart, Hart, Davids, Curtis, Corrigan, Houghton, Fretwell, Banks (Trainer).
Front row: Gore, Crompton, Wilkie, McNeill (Manager), Horrocks (Chairman), Moore, Wignall, Mayer.

GEORGE URQUHART (Midfield) Born Glasgow. 5'11", 11st.8lbs. Bought in the close season from Scottish Highland League side Ross County for a small fee. Previously with St. Mirren, he has been one of only two new signings at the club this summer. Aged 26 he was reported to be the best non-League player in Scotland.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield) Born Alston. 5'11", 11st.3lbs. Ever-present during last season, scoring six times. Signed for the club from Northern Premier League Netherfield five seasons ago. Wore the No.8 shirt in Wigan's first season in League football and scored one of the goals which gave Wigan their first ever 4th Division League win.

FRANK CORRIGAN (Midfield) Born Liverpool. 5'10", 11st. Missed just one game last term, a late season visit to Aldershot. Scored 4 goals in the League, Frank signed from Northwich during the 1977-78 season. Made a name for himself whilst with 'Vics' on their impressive Cup run of 76-7, when they beat Rochdale, Peterborough and Watford.

MICKY MOORE (Forward) Born Chorley. 5'9½", 10st.11lbs. Now in his second spell at Springfield Park after re-joining the club in the 1978 summer from Port

Vale. Scored 9 goals last term, being ever-present most of the season. Bought back from Vale for £2,000, he made his first appearance versus Newport last September.

DEREK BROWNBILL (Striker) Born Liverpool. 5'9", 10st.10lbs. Signed last September from Port Vale where he made almost 100 League appearances for the Staffordshire club. Scored 7 goals in his first season at Springfield Park, ending the term ever-present in the side's last 8 matches, three of those as substitute.

PETER HOUGHTON (Striker) Born Liverpool. 5'11", 12st.10lbs. Leading goalscorer last season with 13 League goals in 30 appearances. Plagued by bad luck and injuries during 78-79; he was signed by 'Latics' from Premier League South Liverpool. Scored a hat-trick v Port Vale on Friday April 13th last. Who says Friday 13th is unlucky?

IAN PURDIE (Forward) Born Lanark. 5'9", 11st. Skilful ball player who netted 11 times last season, appearing in all 46 of Wigan's League games. Signed in the 1978 close season from Motherwell, after previously having seen service with Aberdeen and Dundee. Former Scottish U/23 international. One cap v England as a sub 1975.



NEWSPAPER TALK

with
LEN NOAD
*Sports Editor
Stockport Express*

WELCOME back, after what seems to have been an all-too-brief rest. And what faces us in the coming season? Not a great deal of optimism, I'm afraid, when Liverpool, top team of the past decade, announce that they're finding the going rough and have had to enter the field of sponsorship to make ends meet.

No doubt they could ease the financial situation if they didn't pay the players so much money.

And across Lancashire at Maine Road, Manchester, there is a great deal of apprehension at the wheeling and dealing that has seen experienced players depart and unproven First Division players brought in.

Many years ago I told myself never to be surprised at anything that happens in football. I haven't changed my outlook. I'm not at all surprised at what has been happening under the light blue banner at Manchester City... merely amazed!

When Asa Hartford goes; Brian Kidd goes; Peter Barnes departs; Gary Owen is transferred; Dave Watson goes European; all different types of player one can merely ask "What type of player does Allison really favour?"

Here at County there have been noticeable efforts to establish a firmer grasp of the mid-field with the acquisition of Les Chapman, the busy-body from Oldham and the stylish Chris Galvin from Hull and an attempt to bring back the solidity of defence, lacking since the retirement of big Matt Woods with Mike Czuczman (pronounced Churchman) from Scunthorpe United.

The fans, and indeed, the staff, haven't been at all happy with the results of their close-season team-building in the two Cheshire Bowl matches.

BUT—and I'm not seeking excuses—I learned a long, long time ago never to be carried away by what happens in pre-season friendly matches. Many footballers are like thoroughbred racehorses... they simply can't give of their best except in the real competitive arena.

So, I would earnestly advise the supporters to wait and reserve judgment when the chips are down.

And, on last season's workings, Wigan Athletic will provide a good test for our Argentinian-clad County... they've got to be good to live up to the reputation achieved by their new strip!

So, with the long hard haul about to move off from the green light, may I wish all players freedom from serious injury (the minor ones will always occur); good pitches, a decent winter (not like last year); NO hooliganism, good sportsmanship on and off the field and, for County, in particular, good fortune, good football and good attendances!

FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

1976-77

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During the early months of the season, County led the 4th Division at a pace, due mainly to the goalscoring feats of Daniels, whose 11 goals came in as many matches. Once he dried up, so too did County and the side eventually finished the campaign in 14th place. The opening fixtures, indeed, made impressive reading. Newport (a) 1-0, Brentford (h) 2-0, Swansea (h) 3-0, Darlington (a) 2-0. Four games, 4 wins, 8 goals for and none against. Pity the standard was never maintained. In the League Cup the side again had a good run with victories over Workington and Blackburn before Everton won narrowly 1-0 at Edgeley Park. A 2-0 reverse in Round 1, away to Sheffield Wednesday put paid to County's F.A. Cup hopes.



Back row: Lennard, Daniels, Holbrook, McBeth, Smith. Standing: McNeill, Cross, Buckley, Messay, Bradley, Fletcher, Park, Pimblett, Loadwick. Seated: Webster (Youth Trainer), Hopkinson (Trainer), Lewis (Director), Lukic (Chairman), Kirk (President), Pyle (Director), Quigley (Manager), Porteous (Physio). Kneeling: Sutcliffe, Hardman, Thompson, Flanagan, Smith, Connor, Crompton.

Football League Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	H	A
Cambridge Utd.....	46	26	13	7	87	40	65	0-0	2-2
Exeter City.....	46	25	12	9	70	46	62	0-0	1-2
Colchester Utd.....	46	25	9	12	77	43	59	1-1	0-1
Bradford City.....	46	23	13	10	78	51	59	1-1	3-3
Swansea City.....	46	25	8	13	92	58	58	3-0	4-4
Barnsley.....	46	23	9	14	82	59	55	2-1	0-1
Watford.....	46	18	15	13	67	50	51	2-2	1-1
Doncaster Rovers.....	46	21	9	16	71	65	51	2-1	0-1
Huddersfield T.....	45	19	12	15	60	49	50	2-3	0-2
Southend Utd.....	46	15	19	12	52	45	49	0-0	0-0
Darlington.....	46	18	13	15	59	64	48	2-2	2-0
Crawley Alex.....	46	19	11	16	47	60	48	1-2	1-2
Bournemouth.....	46	15	16	13	54	44	48	1-0	0-3
COUNTY.....	46	13	19	14	53	57	45	-	-
Brentford.....	46	18	7	21	77	76	43	2-0	0-4
Torquay Utd.....	46	17	9	20	59	67	43	2-1	2-1
Aldershot.....	46	16	11	19	49	59	43	0-0	0-2
Rochdale.....	46	13	12	21	50	59	38	0-1	1-1
Newport Co.....	46	14	10	22	42	58	38	2-1	1-0
Scunthorpe Utd.....	46	13	11	22	49	73	37	1-0	2-2
Hullfax Town.....	46	11	14	21	47	58	36	1-1	1-2
Hartlepool.....	46	10	12	24	47	73	32	1-0	1-1
Southport.....	46	3	19	24	33	77	25	2-2	0-1
Workington.....	46	4	11	31	41	102	19	1-0	2-2



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YOUR CHAIRMAN FREDDIE PYE SAYS ...

WE are not going to start by making any promises, as we did enough of that last year. All we can say is that we will be trying even harder than ever, to bring success this season to Edgeley Park. However you must appreciate that, what with inflation and the continuous rise in the cost of living, it is becoming increasingly more expensive to run a 4th Division club.

Of course we are hopeful, that the new players who have been brought in will settle in quickly and plug the gaps, to enable us to be successful, for that is what we, as a board, will be demanding. I realise that early last season, when we were going great guns everyone was tipping us for promotion, then we sold Alan Thompson (he wanted to play in America), Derek Loadwick (he wanted to return home), Ken Fogarty and Terry Park, it was little more than surprising that we eventually fell away. And of course just as any other club would, we missed players of their calibre and unfortunately we were never able to replace any of them with their sort of quality. We had hoped to be able to get hold of one or two players on loan, but this eventually proved hopeless and as a result we ended the season with a vastly depleted squad.

Our Manager Mike Summerbee is currently on the lookout for a right sided winger, as he fully realises that even he cannot go on playing for ever. We did of course make every effort to secure the signature of West Ham's Brian Thomson in the close season but through no fault of our own, he later joined Mansfield Town. Originally the West Ham Board offered him on a free transfer, but later changed their minds and put a ridiculous fee on his head. Unfortunately we then had to back out of the deal, but as you can clearly see we are trying and you can be sure we won't rest until we think we have got the right sort of blend.

Of course the bulk of the money in the game today is paid out in players wages and contracts and although I believe I am a players man, there has to come a time (even though we have given them all they want) when we must demand top results. I say this most sincerely when I tell you that the players we have here are under no illusions as to the sort of performances we will be demanding. Rest assured that we will be going all

out to do our level best during the coming months, believe me it won't be for want of trying.

Finally, may I conclude, in thanking you all for your tremendous support in the past, I only hope that YOUR team will not be too far from providing the sort of success we all are looking for.

FREDDIE PYE



Lancashire League Division One 1979-80

	Opponents	Ground
Aug.		
25 Sat.	Wigan Ath. Res	A
31 Fri.	Wrexham Res	H
Sept.		
7 Fri.	Carlisle Utd. Res	H
15 Sat.	Macclesfield T. Res	A
21 Fri.	Burnley "A"	H
28 Fri.	Everton "A"	A
Oct.		
6 Sat.	Rochdale Res	A
12 Fri.	Tranmere Rovers Res	A
20 Sat.	Manchester City "A"	A
26 Fri.	Macclesfield T. Res	H
Nov.		
3 Sat.	Southport Res	A
9 Fri.	Morecambe Res	H
17 Sat.	Liverpool "A"	A
23 Fri.	Southport Res	H
Dec.		
1 Sat.	Port Vale Res	A
7 Fri.	Tranmere Rovers Res	H
15 Sat.	Oldham Ath. Res	A
26 Wed.	Manchester Utd. "A"	H
28 Fri.	Port Vale Res	H
Jan.		
4 Fri.	Rochdale Res	H
12 Sat.	Altrincham Res	A
19 Sat.	Morecambe Res	A
25 Fri.	Oldham Ath. Res	H
Feb.		
1 Fri.	Bradford City Res	H
9 Sat.	Chester "A"	A
15 Fri.	Manchester City "A"	H
23 Sat.	Bradford City Res	A
29 Fri.	Wigan Ath. Res	H
Mar.		
8 Sat.	Bolton W. "A"	A
14 Fri.	Bolton W. "A"	H
22 Sat.	Manchester United "A"	A
28 Fri.	Everton "A"	H
Apr.		
5 Sat.	Wrexham Res	A
7 Mon.	Crewe Alex. "A"	H
8 Tues.	Liverpool "A"	H
12 Sat.	Crewe Alex. "A"	A
18 Fri.	Altrincham Res	H
21 Mon.	Chester "A"	H
26 Sat.	Burnley "A"	A
May		
3 Sat.	Carlisle Utd. Res	A

COUNTY'S LEAGUE CUP RECORD

Season	Round	Opponents	Venue	Res
1960-61	1	Carlisle Utd	H	2-0
	2	Manchester City	A	0-3
1961-62	1	Leyton Orient	H	0-1
1962-63	1	Chester	A	0-2
1963-64	1	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-2
1964-65	1	Rochdale	H	1-3
1965-66	1	Workington	H	2-3
1966-67	1	Crewe Alex.	A	0-1
1967-68	1	Crewe Alex.	A	1-1
		Crewe Alex.	H	3-0
	2	Sheffield Wed.	H	3-5
1968-69	1	Bury	A	1-1
		Bury	H	1-0
	2	Derby County	A	1-5
1969-70	1	Blackburn Rovers	H	0-2
1970-71	1	Preston N.E.	H	0-1
1971-72	1	Walsall	H	1-0
	2	Watford	H	0-1
1972-73	1	Bradford City	A	1-1
		Bradford City	H	1-1
		Bradford City*	N	2-0
	2	Crystal Palace	A	1-0
	3	West Ham Utd.	H	2-1
	4	Norwich City	H	1-5
1973-74	1	Port Vale	H	2-0
	2	Crystal Palace	H	1-0
	3	Hull City	A	1-4
1974-75	1	Blackburn Rovers	H	0-2
1975-76	1	Southport	A	1-3
		Southport	H	1-2
1976-77	1	Workington	A	0-0
		Workington	N	2-0
	2	Blackburn Rovers	A	3-1
	3	Everton	H	0-1
1977-78	1	Wrexham	A	0-1
		Wrexham	H	1-1
1978-79	1	Shrewsbury T.	A	0-1
		Shrewsbury T.	H	3-1
	2	Manchester Utd.	H	2-3

Played at:

*Bolton †Preston
‡ Manchester United

Summary of our League Cup Results

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	23	8	3	12	27	32
Away	15	2	4	9	10	26
Neutral	2	0	0	0	4	0
Total	40	12	7	21	41	58

1979-80

1979-80	Opponents	Pos.	Goal Scores	Att.
11 Aug. (Sat.)	WIGAN ATHLETIC.....(FLC1)			
16 Aug. (Wed.)	Wigan Athletic.....(FLC1)			
18 Aug. (Sat.)	Wigan Athletic.....(FLC1)			
20 Aug. (Sat.)	Wigan Athletic.....(FLC1)			
25 Aug. (Sat.)	WIGAN ATHLETIC.....(FLC2)			
29 Aug. (Wed.)	(FLC2)			
31 Aug. (Fri.)	(FLC2)			
5 Sept. (Wed.)	(FLC2)			
8 Sept. (Sat.)	(FLC2)			
14 Sept. (Fri.)	(FLC2)			
17 Sept. (Mon.)	(FLC2)			
22 Sept. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
26 Sept. (Wed.)	(FLC3)			
29 Sept. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
3 Oct. (Fri.)	(FLC3)			
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22 Feb. (Fri.)	(FLC3)			
8 Mar. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
14 Mar. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
21 Mar. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
29 Mar. (Wed.)	(FLC3)			
2 Apr. (Wed.)	(FLC3)			
9 Apr. (Fri.)	(FLC3)			
11 Apr. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
19 Apr. (Sat.)	(FLC3)			
25 Apr. (Fri.)	(FLC3)			
2 May (Fri.)	(FLC3)			

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STOCKPORT COUNTY APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1978-79

League League F.A. Cup
Cup
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Stuart Lee.	45	20	3	2	2	2
Les Bradd.	45	18	3	1	3	2
John Rutter.	45	0	3	0	3	0
Paul Edwards.	40	2	1	0	2	0
Andy Thorpe.	38	0	3	0	1	0
Phil Henson.	34(2)	5	0	0	3	0
George Armstrong.	34	0	0	0	2	0
Mike Summerbee.	33	1	3	0	3	0
Terry Park.	29(2)	4	3	1	3	5
Mike Rogan.	24	0	3	0	3	0
Carl Hallford.	21(9)	1	1	0	0(2)	0
Ken Fogarty.	20(1)	0	2	0	2	1
Eddie Prudham.	19(5)	2	0	0	1	1
David Lawson.	18	0	0	0	0	0
Graham Smith.	18	0	0	0	2	0
Alan Thompson.	16(1)	4	3	1	2	0
Derek Loadwick.	11	0	3	0	0	0
Andy Cassidy.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Alan Sumner.	3(2)	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Cahill.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Goodfellow.	2(1)	0	2	0	1	0
Andy Seddon.	1(3)	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Connor.	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Galvin.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nigel Smith.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Owen Goals.	0	1	0	0	0	0



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HOW WE FINISHED 1978-79 DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	46	19	3	1	49	8	7	10	6	27	27	65
Grimsby	46	15	5	3	51	23	11	4	8	31	28	61
Wimbleton	46	18	3	2	50	20	7	8	8	28	28	61
Barnsley	46	15	5	3	47	23	9	8	6	26	19	61
Aldershot	46	16	5	2	38	14	4	12	7	25	33	57
Wigan A	46	14	5	4	40	24	7	8	8	23	24	55
Portsmouth	46	13	7	3	35	12	7	5	11	27	38	52
Newport	46	12	5	6	39	28	9	5	9	27	27	52
Huddersfield	46	13	8	2	32	15	8	3	15	28	38	47
York	46	11	8	6	33	24	7	6	11	18	31	47
Torquay	46	14	4	5	38	24	5	4	16	20	41	46
Scunthorpe	46	12	3	8	33	30	5	8	10	21	30	45
Hartlepool	46	7	12	4	35	28	6	6	11	22	38	44
Hereford	46	12	8	3	35	18	3	5	15	18	35	43
Stratford C	46	11	5	7	38	26	6	4	13	24	42	43
Port Vale	46	8	10	5	29	31	6	4	13	28	42	42
County	46	11	5	7	33	21	3	7	13	25	39	40
B'ham'ly	46	11	6	6	34	19	3	5	15	13	29	39
Northampton	46	12	4	7	40	30	3	5	15	24	46	38
Rochdale	46	11	4	8	26	26	4	5	14	22	38	38
Darlington	46	8	8	7	25	21	3	7	13	24	45	37
Doncaster	46	8	8	7	25	22	5	3	15	25	51	37
Halifax	46	7	5	11	24	32	2	3	18	15	40	26
Crews	46	3	7	13	24	41	3	7	13	19	49	26

TEAMS

STOCKPORT COUNTY

(Sky Blue/White/Black)

1. DAVID LAWSON
2. ANDY THORPE
3. STEVE SHERLOCK
4. PAUL EDWARDS
5. MIKE CZUCZMAN
6. CHRIS GALVIN
7. MIKE SUMMERBEE
8. PHIL HENSON
9. LES BRADD
10. LES CHAPMAN
11. STUART LEE
- 12.

WIGAN ATHLETIC

(Yellow/Green)

1. BOB WARD
2. KEVIN SMART
3. JOE HINNIGAN
4. TOMMY GORE
5. NOEL WARD
6. DAVE FRETWELL
7. FRANK CORRIGAN
8. MICKY MOORE
9. PETER HOUGHTON
10. JEFF WRIGHT
11. IAN PURDIE
12. DEREK BROWNBILL

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Result: County Visitors

County scorers

Visitors' scorers

Half-time score Crowd

Notes

GOALS TALLY

	County	Visitors
CHEADLE END		
RAILWAY END		

match officials

Referee GWYN OWEN (Anglesey)

Married with three children, he began refereeing in the Anglesey League during 1961 and progressed to full League status via the Welsh League North and the Welsh Leagues. Ran the line for the 1970 England v Scotland U/23 match and has officiated at many U.E.F.A. and European Cup matches. Took charge of Barnsley's visit to Edgeley Park last season.

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ROCHDALE

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